

## Photo ID Basics

- **Public Law 109-2005 created a requirement for Indiana voters to present photo identification** before casting a ballot at the polls on Election Day, and before voting absentee-in-person at the County Clerk's office.
- The law does not specify acceptable types of ID, but it does define the characteristics of an ID valid for voting purposes in IC 3-5-2-40.5. The ID must:
  - 1.) Display voter's **photo**
  - 2.) Display voter's name, and the **name must conform with the name on the voter registration record** (conform does not mean match identically)
  - 3.) **Contain an expiration date**, and either be current, or have expired after November 7, 2006 (the date of the last General Election)
  - 4.) **Be issued by the state of Indiana or the US government**
- In most cases, an Indiana driver's license, Indiana state ID card, US Passport, or Military ID will be sufficient.
- If a voter does not possess one of these forms of ID, the law requires the BMV to issue an **Indiana ID card free of charge**, as long as the voter presents sufficient documentation. More about documentation requirements is available at [www.photoid.in.gov](http://www.photoid.in.gov) or [www.bmv.in.gov](http://www.bmv.in.gov)
- There are **exemptions for voters who cannot afford the costs associated with obtaining a free ID; for voters with a religious objection to being photographed; and for voters who are residents of state-licensed care facilities that serve as their polling place.**
- If a voter is unable or unwilling to present photo ID on Election Day, the voter may cast a **provisional ballot**. The voter will then have 10 days after the election to follow up with the County Election Board and either present the requisite photo ID or affirm that one of the exemptions applies. (IC 3-10-1-7.2)
- Voters who are qualified to vote **absentee-by-mail or absentee-by-traveling board**, and who choose to vote absentee-by-mail or by traveling board, are not required to present photo ID. (IC 3-11-10-1.5)
- The Secretary of State's office has launched a **statewide campaign to educate voters** about photo ID and other new election laws. The Photo ID Public Education Plan is available at [www.photoid.in.gov](http://www.photoid.in.gov).
- To date, the Secretary of State in conjunction with the bi-partisan leadership of the Indiana Election Division have completed the following voter education activities regarding photo ID and HAVA implementation:

- Launched a **\$1.6M statewide advertising campaign**, utilizing print, radio, television, and transit outlets to inform voters about the new laws and to remind them to bring ID to the polls.
- Partnered with groups such as the **NAACP, League of Women Voters, Indiana Health Care Association, FSSA, BMV, the Association of Indiana Counties, and the Department of Workforce Development**
- Created **Indiana’s first statewide pollworker training curriculum**. Participation by counties is voluntary; however, all of Indiana’s 92 counties are active participants in implementing this program at county levels. All counties have received copies of the **2007 Indiana Election Day Handbook** (an Election Day reference for precinct election boards.)
- **Launched photoid.in.gov** – a website dedicated to answering voters’ most frequently asked questions about Indiana’s new law. The site features a page voters may print and take with them to the BMV to assist in receiving a free state ID for voting purposes.
- Maintained an ongoing outreach program, which is completing a **college campus tour and beginning a “senior community” tour** to educate voters about election changes.
- Maintained an ongoing effort to **educate the media** about election reform